GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION FOR ACQUIRED LAND
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers whose land has been acquired for gas and oil exploration get meager compensation;

(b) if so, the quantum of compensation alongwith its present rate; and

(c) the date when the compensation was fixed last time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) No Sir. Compensation is paid to the land owners as per the assessment made by the respective Revenue Authorities as notified through award or as per the mutual consent between Exploration Oil Companies and the land owner. The amount of compensation is derived based on the prevailing rate of the nearby area, quality/type of land and value of the standing crop (if any).

(c) The rates are revised from time to time. The date when last compensation was fixed in different states/assets is given as under: -

In Gujarat, the rates were revised w.e.f. 01.01.2006.

In Tamilnadu, the rates were fixed w.e.f. 01.01.2006.

In Tripura Asset, Agartala, the compensation for acquired land is paid through Land Acquisition Collector as determined/awarded by the state revenue authority.

In Assam Asset, in lease cases the value of the land is fixed by the district revenue authority and present rate is applicable w.e.f. 01.01.2006.